



OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

May 29, 2019

Ms. Kate Bertash

via email: 73220-12319715@requests.muckrock.com

RE: FOIA No. 2019-IGFP-00328

Dear Ms. Bertash:

This responds to your May 20 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the U.S. Postal Service Office of Inspector General for records and documents and police reports, and any tips or reports via the U.S. Postal Inspection Service (USPIS) website and phone hotline, referencing or pertaining to abortion medication pills sent via the U.S. Postal Service, which may be referred to in any responsive documents as Mifepristone, Misoprostol, RU-486, Cytotec, Misodel or other terms. In addition, you requested we include any documents or reports that reference abortion medication in reports on seizure of prescription medication contraband. If available, please also include the number of packages containing abortion medication that have been stopped for their contents, for the 10 most recent years for which this data may be available.

The U.S. Postal Service comprises the Postal Service, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service (USPIS); the Postal Rate Commission (PRC); and the OIG; each with its own area of responsibility and individual FOIA office.

The Postal Service Records Office establishes procedures to ensure Postal Service records management practices comply with both the FOIA and Privacy Act. The Records Office with the St Louis Requester Service Center, is the designated custodian for non-law enforcement Postal Service records, including personnel records. Additional information regarding the Postal Service FOIA program can be found at <https://about.usps.com/who-we-are/foia/welcome.htm>

The USPIS is the designated custodian for postal records relating to Postal Service law enforcement issues. The U.S. Postal Inspection Service is a federal law enforcement entity charged with enforcing the Federal statutes involving mail fraud, illegal drugs, external mail theft, and other postal crimes, including revenue deficiencies, and are responsible for safety and security of all postal employees and facilities. Information on the Postal Inspection Service is available on the Internet at: <https://postalinspectors.uspis.gov>.

The OIG is an independent agency, created in 1997, with oversight authority over audits and investigations of Postal and Inspection Service fraud, abuse, and misconduct. The OIG's mission is to prevent, detect, and report fraud, theft, and misconduct, and promote efficiency in the operation of the Postal Service.

Even though your request asks only for records held by the USPIS, I consulted with OIG agent regarding information maintained in the electronic database used by the OIG Office of Investigations. I was advised the information you requested is not tracked to such a granular level as to be retrievable in a reportable format. Therefore, we cannot assist you.

I understand you submitted a copy of your request to the U.S. Postal Service Records Office. Someone from that office will respond to you directly. If you have questions regarding your request to the Postal Service, please contact them via email at foia12@usps.gov, via phone at (202) 268-2608, via fax at (202) 268-5353, or in writing at:

Postal Service Records Office
475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Room 1P830
Washington, DC 20260-4541


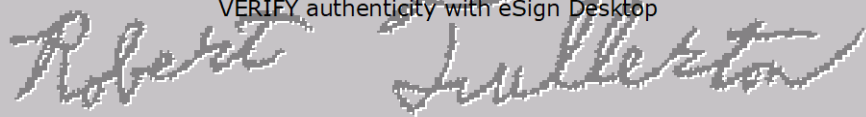
In addition, you may wish to direct a copy of your request to the USPIS FOIA office, if you have not already done so, as it may be a repository for such records if any exist. Written requests for the Postal Inspection Service are accepted via email at foia@uspis.gov or U.S. mail:

Inspection Service FOIA/PA Unit
475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW, Room 3301
Washington, DC 20260

If you have questions regarding the processing of this request, you may contact me and/or the FOIA Public Liaison at 703-248-2410. You may also contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

If you are not satisfied with my action on your FOIA request, you may file an administrative appeal. To do so, write to the attention of Gladis Griffith, Deputy General Counsel, 1735 N. Lynn Street, Arlington, VA 22209-2020, within 90 days of the date of this letter. We accept written appeals via U.S. Mail; e-mail to FOIA@uspsoig.gov; or fax to 703-248-4626. Include the initial request number (e.g., 20XX-IGXX-00XXX) and the date of this letter. Explain what specific action the FOIA Office took that you are appealing. Mark all correspondence "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

E-Signed by Fullerton, Robert
VERIFY authenticity with eSign Desktop 


Robert Fullerton
Manager – FOIA, Policy and Records

